

Committee, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, the Rules Committee, and the Legislation and Codes Committee.

He graduated from Fordham University in 1989, majoring in accounting, and worked for the major accounting firm of Ernst & Young before taking his law degree from the New York Law School.

As a council member Liam worked with the mayor and fellow council members on a bipartisan basis for the betterment of his district and the City of Yonkers as a whole. He strove to hold down taxes, to create jobs, to improve the city's parks and playgrounds, increase senior citizen programs and implement a city-wide beautification program. He encouraged 'smart development' to make Yonkers attractive to new businesses which brought many new jobs to the city.

Aside from his representation on the council, he is a Board Member of the Aisling Irish Community Center, a Board Member and President of Tara Circle, a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Westchester Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and a member of the New York State Bar Association.

I congratulate Liam for all of his good work and diligence in representing not only his district and its families, but the City of Yonkers as a whole. I was privileged to be able to work with him in helping Yonkers and know first hand that Yonkers is enormously better for having him. I know his family will be happier now that he will not have as many meetings to attend but the City of Yonkers will sorely miss his leadership and dedication. I wish him the best in all his endeavors and am looking forward to his return to office.

ST. MARY'S GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL CENTENNIAL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a century of service from an institution of healing in Centralia, Illinois.

St. Mary's Hospital opened on Thanksgiving Day in 1909 and has been serving the Centralia area since. As the city grew, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and the Felician Sisters worked to meet the medical needs of the growing population. In 1958, the hospital moved to a new 117-bed facility on Pleasant Avenue, where it went through 3 expansions 1969 to 1981.

In 1996, St. Mary's Hospital merged with Good Samaritan Regional Health Center in nearby Mt. Vernon. With the merger, they entered the 21st Century at the forefront of medical care. Over the last 100 years, the people at St. Mary's have not forgotten their core mission and have served our community with a level of devotion that is second to none.

I want to join with the members of this House and the residents of South Central Illinois in congratulating St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital on celebrating its centennial. I want to thank them for their healing ministry and to wish them continued success for the next hundred years.

RICHARD ALGER FLORIDA AGRICULTURE'S MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give my heartfelt congratulations to Richard Alger on his recent induction into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Being named to the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame is a high honor, because it is the closest thing we have in South Florida to being named agriculture's man of the year.

With his very strong educational background, gregarious personality and true compassion for our community, Richard has been a strong voice for farming for over four decades.

Richard made his mark through his assistance to minority farmers in our area, as a board member of Farm Credit of South Florida; a generous contributor to the Farm Share program; and for working with the University of Florida on agricultural research.

I am pleased to join the Greater Homestead/Florida City Chamber, Jolayne, his family, including 17 grandkids, friends and neighbors in their celebration of his countless contributions.

HONORING TOM MCROBERTS

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. PETERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Tom McRoberts on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM). During his career of over 34 years with the University, Tom has served several communities as an administrator, mentor, and innovative educator. These titles are unable to capture the full measure of Tom's contribution to the University, local community, the state of Minnesota.

Tom is tireless in his efforts to expand learning opportunities. His ingenuity has never been bound by his official titles of Director of Continuing Education and Regional Programs, Director of the Center for Small Towns, Director of the Center for International Programs, and the other positions he's held over the years. Tom has served as a mentor and academic advisor to numerous students who have gone on to obtain internships and jobs in the public service arena and win prestigious national scholarships. He has been instrumental in developing programs to connect the University to the local community and to open the world for exploration by the students he has so faithfully served, including establishing the UMM Center for International Programs and creating the UMM Summer Scholars program for gifted high school juniors from around the region, soon to be in its twenty-sixth year.

Over the years, Tom has been recognized for his remarkable contributions with a number of honors, including the all-University John Tate Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising, the UMM Academic Staff Award, the College of Continuing Education Deans Award

for Individual Achievement, and the University of Minnesota Presidents Award for Outstanding Service.

This impressive record of service doesn't begin to describe the man. As his colleagues and students note, Tom is modest, compassionate, and blessed with a good sense of humor. One close colleague has described Tom as a specialist in making things happen without claiming credit. He accepts assignments others won't take. He sees opportunities to do good and he takes them and when these aren't obvious, he creates them. Tom has truly made walking the extra mile a way of life, achieving a legacy of accomplishments that will pay dividends for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations and appreciation to Tom McRoberts for the extraordinary career at the University of Minnesota Morris.

SPRINGFIELD SENATORS—CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of an outstanding group of student-athletes from Springfield, Illinois.

The Springfield Senators girls cross country team took the state championship at this year's Illinois High School Association state finals November 7 at Detweiller Park in Peoria. Springfield High finished with a score of 124, six better than the runners-up from Yorkville. The Senators were led by Kirby Hale, who had the fourth-best overall time for the tournament, finishing in 17:51.

I want to congratulate Coach Dan Devlin, Assistant Coach Trae Cotner and the members of the 2009 Springfield Senators state champion cross country team: Kirby Hale, Madie Alexander, Maggie Cornelius, Christy Rolf, Jessica Larson, Leora Reyhan, Sarah Ward, Giuliana Bailey, Christina Kropid, Julia McClure, Erin Shultz and Lauren Smith. They have represented themselves, their school and our community in a first-rate fashion. I want to join with my colleagues in this House in wishing them continued success in their future academic and athletic endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326, the Departments of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Synthetic Liquid Fuels

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Legal Name and address of entity receiving earmark: Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is